Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Badger Clark, the son of Reverend Charles Badger Clark and the former Mary Ellen Cleaver, was born in Albia, Iowa, on New Year's Day in 1883; and,

WHEREAS, At the age of three months, Badger moved with his family to South Dakota where he spent his growing years watching the wide-open frontier wilderness unfold before his very eyes; and,

WHEREAS, As a young adult, Badger received ten dollars from the Pacific Monthly for his poem "Ridin'" that his mother submitted without his knowledge. After this lucrative success, Badger admitted that any plans he may have had for a "decently conventional life" had been wrecked. Exclaimed the desert poet, "A job without a boss, without any hours and without any responsibilities; it's made for me"; and,

WHEREAS, During the administration of Governor Leslie Jensen, Clark was appointed Poet Laureate of the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, As South Dakota's "Cowboy Poet," Badger was the first to admit that he wasn't a financial whiz. In fact, for the last 52 years of his life, his only "formal" job was writing and lecturing. In good years he earned between $500 and $700, while n 1934, his total income from eight speaking engagements was $120; and,

WHEREAS, Badger Clark loved his country and he loved his state. Years after his death, hundreds of visitors still stop at "Badger Hole," the home he built with his own hands, just to listen to recordings of Badger reading his poetry; and,

WHEREAS, Today, we proudly celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of this great South Dakotan's birth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 1, 1983, as

BADGER CLARK DAY

In South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
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